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OF THE

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OF

ALSTEAD, N. H.

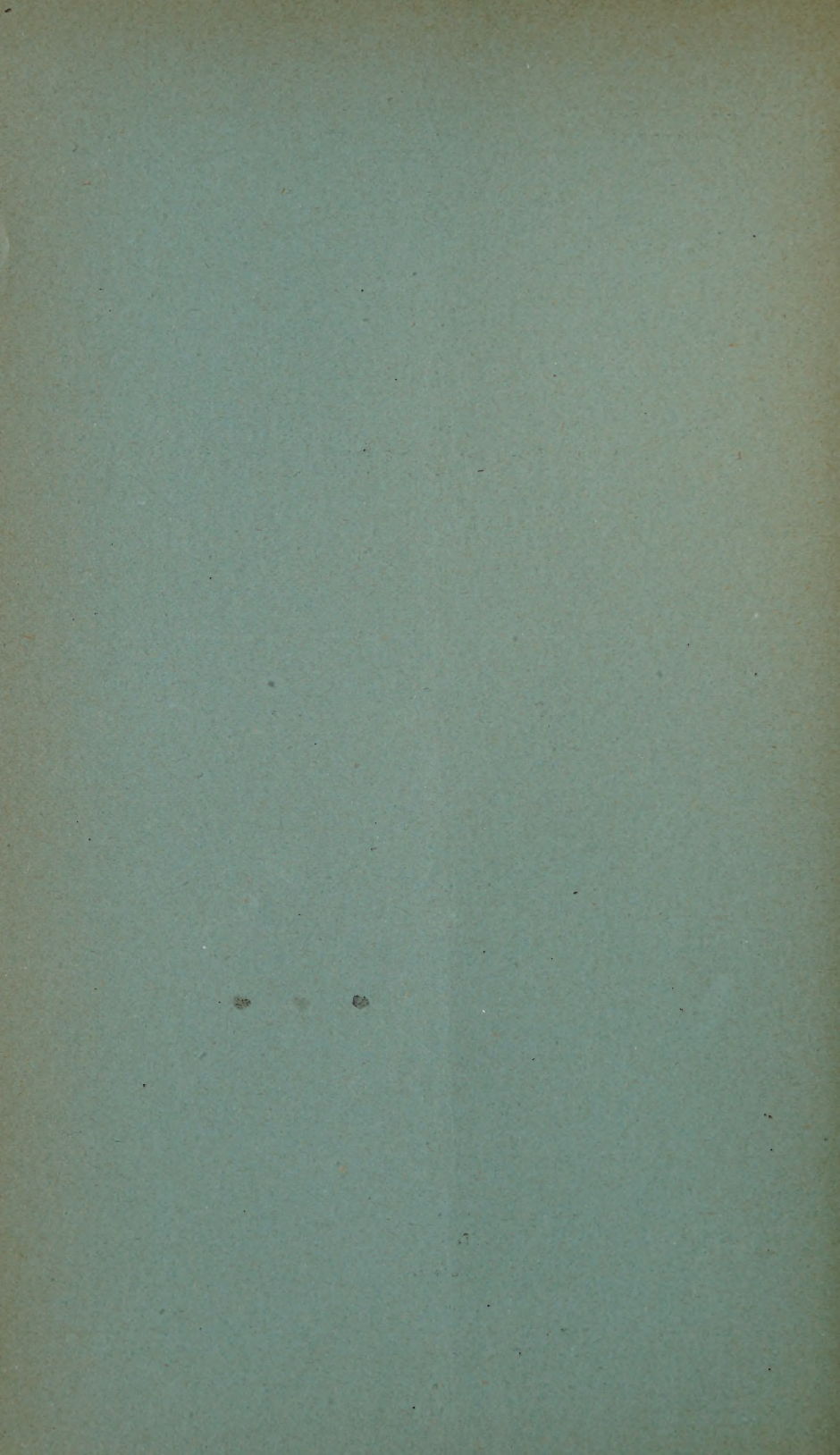
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## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1900.

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### VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1899.

Real estate,	\$348,435 00
224 polls,	22,400 00
406 horses,	21,198 00
26 oxen,	1,685 00
426 cows,	12,604 00
118 neat,	2,841 00
562 sheep,	1,711 00
4 hogs,	40 00
28 carriages,	2,450 00
Stock in banks,	15,549 00
Money on hand or at interest,	32,507 00
Stock in trade,	21,650 00
Mills and machinery,	15,540 00
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	\$498,610 00

Rate of taxation, \$1.36 on \$100.

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### AMOUNT OF TAX REQUIRED BY LAW AND VOTE OF TOWN.

State tax,	\$1,049 75
County tax,	1,009 95
School tax,	1,700 00
Highway tax,	1,500 00
Ordinary town charges,	800 00
Interest on Kingsbury fund,	36 36



Town library,	\$74 10
School supplies,	150 00
Bonds and interest,	317 00
Percentage,	143 98
Total,	<u>\$6,781 14</u>

#### ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY TOWN OFFICERS.

M. F. Greene, services as selectman, for 1898,	\$50 00
J. S. Prouty, services as selectman, for 1898,	87 00
E. M. Smith, services as moderator,	3 00
F. D. Messer, services as selectman, 1898,	38 00
John N. Hodskins, services, digging graves,	8 00
Geo. E. Cater, services, digging grave,	4 00
John N. Hodskins, services, digging grave,	3 00
John N. Hodskins, services, digging grave,	2 00
Geo. E. Cater, services as supervisor,	5 00
Geo. M. Rogers, services as dog constable,	5 00
Geo. M. Rogers, services as town constable,	3 00
John F. Dickey, services as auditor and trustee	
Warren fund,	4 00
H. D. Dickey, services as supervisor,	5 00
H. D. Dickey, services as auditor,	2 00
S. G. Anderson, services, taking care town clock,	13 15
F. J. Marvin, services as treasurer of school district,	10 00
F. J. Marvin, services as treasurer of town,	45 00
W. W. Dinsmore, services as tax collector,	75 00
F. L. Prentiss, services as town clerk,	25 00
E. M. Smith, services as retainer and counsel fees,	10 00
R. F. Oliver, services as member board of health,	3 25
C. M. Dodge, services as constable,	4 50
Mrs. Ina Putnam, services as member school board,	35 00
Mrs. H. A. Wilder, services as librarian,	22 00
Geo. A. Mayo, services as member school board	35 00
Geo. A. Mayo, services as member board of health,	5 25

F. J. Marvin, services as janitor town house,	\$35 00
F. B. Trow, services, driving hearse and digging graves,	24 00
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	\$561 15

#### ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY ORDINARY CHARGES.

Geo. S. Long, damages received on highway,	\$50 00
K. D. Webster, returning one death,	25
Thos. Garrity, damage to wagon on bridge,	1 00
Geo. Tyler, repairs on road machine,	22 50
Sentinel Printing Co., printing town reports,	30 00
M. Perkins, returning births and deaths,	2 00
American Express Co., repairs on road machine,	14 25
F. J. Leach, cash paid, repairs on road machine,	14 07
J. W. Lyman, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
Chas. Ellis, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
L. K. Osborn, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
F. D. Messer, repairs on road machine,	2 50
C. H. Bundy, painting and varnishing hearse,	10 00
Mrs. H. L. Lovell, abatement for over-tax,	1 36
J. F. Dickey, paid Ira Colby for opinion in regard to investment of trust funds,	3 00
R. E. Gates, abatement for watering trough,	2 00
W. H. Spalter, order and receipt and collector's book,	7 90
J. F. Dickey, abatement on watering trough,	3 00
Allen Dunshee, abatement for over-tax,	5 44
H. W. Porter, abatement on watering trough,	3 00
J. A. Rawson, abatement on watering trough,	3 00
A. J. Chandler, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
G. J. Porter, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
John P. Kemp, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
Wm. M. Robb, returning births and deaths,	75
F. J. Marvin, treasurer, school district literary fund,	100 80
E. M. Smith, insurance on town house,	20 00



F. L. Prentiss, recording births, marriages and deaths,	\$4 50
R. F. Oliver, returning births and deaths,	2 75
Ware & Kent, repair on scraper, sharpening drills, bars, etc.,	16 70
F. L. Prentiss, invoice books, stationery, etc.,	2 75
H. O. Webster, medicine for board of health,	60
J. S. Prouty, paid rent of box in safety deposit vaults for Warren securities,	2 00
J. S. Prouty, expenses to Keene five times, paid for printing, postage stamps, incidentals, etc.,	11 25
F. J. Marvin, shovels, hoes, iron bars and repairs for scraper,	8 34
F. J. Marvin, paint for Grange hall and labor for same; wood, oil and chimneys for town, Grange and G. A. R. rooms, telephone, etc.,	33 03
C. M. Lufkin, returning deaths,	50
W. W. Dinsmore, abatement taxes of Jos. Nichols, \$1.38; Henry Porter, \$1.38; Frank Smith, \$13.80, for 1898; Edward Crosby, \$1.36; Dwight Egerton, \$1.36; F. B. Hoadly, \$1.36; Geo. Kenney, \$1.63; Fred Messer, \$1.36; Leland Still, \$1.36; Fred Wait, \$11.70, for 1899,	36.69
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	\$427 93

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

A. A. Clarke, labor and cash paid on highways in Nov. \$24.37, Dec. \$8.43, Jan. \$17.53, Feb. and March \$274.85,	\$325 18
F. J. Leach, labor and cash paid on highways in March,	36 80
F. J. Leach, labor and cash paid on highways in April,	72 21
F. J. Leach, labor and cash paid on highways in May,	492 83



F. J. Leach, labor and cash paid on highways in June,	\$568 02
F. J. Leach, labor and cash paid on highways in July,	14 55
F. J. Leach, labor and cash paid on highways in Aug.,	151 95
F. J. Leach, labor and cash paid on highways in Sept.,	182 22
F. J. Leach, labor and cash paid on highways in Oct.,	145 29
F. J. Leach, labor and cash paid on highways in Nov.,	27 15
F. J. Leach, labor and cash paid on highways in Dec. and Jan.,	23 59
F. J. Leach, labor and cash paid on highways in Feb.,	70 68
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	\$2,110 47

#### COUNTY PAUPERS.

Mrs. N. S. Porter, board and care, Emma Reed,	\$7 00
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Geo. F. Kenney's family,	34 24
H. A. Lovell, goods furnished Emma Reed,	68
Thos. Garrity, board, Eli Richardson,	7 00
Prentiss & Marvin, goods furnished Geo. F. Kenney,	2 00
Thos. Garrity, goods furnished Eli Richardson,	5 25
Mrs. N. S. Porter, board and care, Emma Reed,	19 13
R. F. Oliver, medical attendance, Everett Jackson,	5 50
R. F. Oliver, medical attendance, Geo. F. Kenney's family,	14 95
J. J. Osterhout, medical attendance, Geo. F. Kenney's family,	16 50
Geo. Hodskins, board and medicine, Emma Reed,	9 35
Wm. Robb, medical attendance, Geo. M. Howard's family,	7 00

I. J. Prouty, medical attendance, Geo. F. Kenney's family,	\$10 00
Mrs. N. S. Porter, board and care, Emma Reed,	6 61
R. F. Oliver, medical attendance, Geo. F. Kenney's family,	8 50
E. P. Fish, goods furnished Geo. M. Howard's family,	6 41
F. W. Clark, rent for Geo. F. Kenney's family,	3 75
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Geo. F. Kenney's family,	98 18
Thos. Garrity, board, Eli Richardson,	28 00
R. F. Oliver, medical attendance, Geo. M. Howard's family,	8 60
R. F. Oliver, medical attendance, Geo. F. Kenney's family,	1 15
Thos. Garrity, goods furnished Eli Richardson,	6 25
Mrs. N. S. Porter, board and care, Emma Reed,	10 00
R. F. Oliver, medical attendance, Geo. F. Kenney's child,	1 35
Girls Home, Westminster, Vt., board and care, Emma Reed,	15 18
Thos. Garrity, board, Eli Richardson,	17 29
F. L. Prentiss, goods furnished Geo. M. Howard,	2 00
H. A. Lovell, goods furnished Geo. M. Howard's family,	29 89
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Geo. F. Kenney's family,	51 85
H. O. Webster, medicine for Geo. M. Howard,	1 95
G. G. Banks, goods furnished Geo. F. Kenney,	1 23
F. D. Messer, telephoning and cash paid for sending for doctor for Geo. F. Kenney and Geo. M. Howard,	1 75
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	\$438 54

#### TOWN PAUPERS.

D. F. Brown, care, Lafayette Barney,	\$8 00
H. A. & A. P. Clough, board, Francis Phillips,	36 00

L. Wellington, board, John Mead,	\$11 25
H. A. & A. P. Clough, board, Francis Phillips,	28 00
K. D. Webster, medical attendance, Lafayette Barney,	27 88
Wm. Robb, medical attendance, Lafayette Barney,	3 00
Cheshire County, board, O. D. Peabody,	65 00
L. Wellington, board, John Mead,	22 50
J. F. Dickey, coffin for Lafayette Barney,	12 00
J. F. Dickey, coffin and cash paid for Mrs. Mary March,	20 00
L. Wellington, board, John Mead,	29 56
H. A. & A. P. Clough, board, Francis Phillips,	32 00
H. A. & A. P. Clough, board, Francis Phillips,	32 00
L. Wellington, board, John Mead,	9 64
Cheshire County, support, O. D. Peabody,	69 65
H. A. & A. P. Clough, board, Francis Phillips,	40 00
L. Wellington, board, John Mead,	9 92
E. S. Allbee, medical attendance, Francis Phillips, 1898,	5 00
H. A. & A. P. Clough, board, Francis Phillips,	40 57
C. N. Dodge, paid for keeping tramps,	3 50
H. B. Chapin, keeping tramps and team for constable,	4 00
H. A. Lovell, goods furnished Lafayette Barney and wife,	64 62
L. Wellington, board, John Mead,	14 78
H. O. Webster, medicine for Lafayette Barney and wife,	9 50
F. J. Marvin, shirts for Francis Phillips,	2 00
L. Wellington, board, John Mead,	19 60
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	\$619 97

## DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Chas. Moultroup,	\$17 00
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Chas. Moultroup,	28 00



C. M. Lutkin, medical attendance, Chas. Moultroup,	\$10 00
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Chas. Moultroup,	17 29
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	\$72 29

## REPAIRS ON CEMETERIES.

John N. Hodskins, repairs on cemeteries,	\$5 00
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	\$5 00

## LIBRARY.

W. E. Locke, money appropriated for library,	\$74 10
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	\$74 10

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

F. J. Marvin, treasurer school district, money appropriated for school supplies,	\$150 00
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	\$150 00

## SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Geo. A. Mayo, sheep killed by dogs,	\$3 00
Clinton Gates, sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
G. G. Banks, damage to sheep by dogs,	2 00
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	\$8 00

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1899,	\$1,356 73
Receipts during the year,	6,830 53
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	\$8,187 26

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Disbursements during the year,	\$7,444 98
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1900,	742 28
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	\$8,187 26

## DEBT.

Liabilities, Feb. 15, 1899,	\$3,458 39
Assets, Feb. 15, 1899,	1,546 82
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Balance of indebtedness, Feb. 15, 1899,	\$1,911 57
Liabilities, Feb. 15, 1900,	\$3,243 59
Assets, Feb. 15, 1900,	1,034 29
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Balance of indebtedness, Feb. 15, 1900,	\$2,209 30
Increase of indebtedness during the year,	287 73

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1899,	\$1,356 73
Eunice Cheever, note,	100 00
Insurance on Grange hall,	9 00
County pauper claim,	347 09
County dependent soldier claim,	62 00
Rent, Phillips place,	6 00
Rent, Grange hall,	36 67
Rent, G. A. R. hall,	13 33
Savings bank tax,	600 46
Literary fund,	91 77
R. R. tax,	54
Sale apples, town house lot,	2 00
Received for use hearse,	3 00
Received for peddlers' license,	10 00
License on dogs,	129 00
Liquor fines,	5 00
Warrant, W. W. Dinsmore, collector,	4,894 78
Interest on taxes,	2 89

Rent of hall,	\$24 75
Bellows Falls National Bank,	492 25
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	\$8,187 26

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Eunice Cheever, note,	\$100 00
State tax,	1,049 75
County tax,	1,009 95
Orders drawn to pay town officers,	561 15
Orders drawn to pay ordinary town charges,	427 93
Orders drawn to pay for highways and bridges,	2,110 47
Orders drawn to pay for county paupers,	438 54
Orders drawn to pay for town paupers,	619 97
Orders drawn to pay dependent soldiers' claim,	72 29
Orders drawn to pay repairs on cemeteries,	5 00
Orders drawn to pay for public library,	74 10
Orders drawn to pay for school supplies,	150 00
Orders drawn to pay for damage by dogs,	8 00
Bonds paid,	200 00
Interest on bonds,	117 00
Note, Bellows Falls National Bank,	500 83
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	\$7,444 98
Excess of receipts over disbursements,	\$742 28

## LIABILITIES.

Kingsbury fund in treasury,	\$606 06
Due school district, for literary fund,	91 77
Fire precinct,	43 90
Repair of cemeteries,	39 08
Cheshire county, board O. D. Peabody,	49 28
Town bonds,	2,400 00
Interest on town bonds,	13 50
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	\$3,243 59



## ASSETS.

Due for county paupers,	\$148 49
Due for dependent soldiers,	37 29
Due rent Grange and G. A. R. halls,	6 23
Eunice Cheever, note,	100 00
Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1900,	742 28
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	\$1,034 29

## ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1900.

State tax,	\$888 25
County tax, estimated,	1,000 00
Schools, estimated,	1,500 00
Roads and bridges,	1,500 00
Ordinary town charges,	800 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PROUTY,  
M. F. GREENE,  
F. D. MESSER,  
Selectmen of Alstead.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen and find them correctly cast and balanced, and with proper vouchers therefor.

JOHN F. DICKEY,  
H. D. DICKEY,  
Auditors of the town of Alstead.

## TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1900.

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Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1899,	\$1,356 73
Eunice Cheever, note,	100 00
Rec'd of selectmen, damage by fire, Grange hall,	9 00
Selectmen, county pauper claim,	347 09
Selectmen, dependent soldier claim,	62 00
Selectmen, rent of Phillips place,	6 00
Selectmen, peddlers' license,	10 00
F. L. Prentiss, town clerk, license on dogs,	129 00
Selectmen, rent of G. A. R. hall to Jan. 1,	13 33
Selectmen, rent of Grange hall,	36 67
Selectmen, liquor fine,	5 00
Selectmen, interest on taxes,	2 89
Selectmen, literary fund,	91 77
Selectmen, railroad tax,	54
Selectmen, savings bank tax,	600 46
Selectmen, money borrowed of Bellows Falls	
National Bank,	492 25
Selectmen, use of hearse,	3 00
Selectmen, apples from town house lot,	2 00
Selectmen, rent town hall,	24 75
W. W. Dinsmore, collector,	4,894 78
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	\$8,187 26

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### CASH PAID OUT OF TREASURY.

Paid orders of selectmen,	\$4,467 45
Eunice Cheever, note,	100 00

E. Porter, town bond No. 8,	\$200 00
E. Porter, coupons on bonds,	117 00
State tax,	1,049 75
County tax,	1,009 95
Note at Bellows Falls National Bank,	500 83
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1900,	742 28
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	\$8,187 26

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. MARVIN,  
Treasurer.

Alstead, N. H., Feb. 16, 1900.

The undersigned, a board of auditors chosen by the town of Alstead to examine the accounts of the officers of said town, hereby certify that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and find the accounts of the treasurer correctly cast and with proper vouchers therefor.

JOHN F. DICKEY,  
H. D. DICKEY,  
Auditors of the town of Alstead.



## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

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### EXPENSES ON HIGHWAY, 1899.

#### MARCH.

F. J. Leach, labor,	\$6 75
H. H. Hall,	2 10
George Cater,	3 38
Edward Allen,	6 60
C. R. Dewing,	94
Clinton Gates,	4 50
G. E. Newman,	3 00
Joseph Porter,	72
F. D. Messer,	2 32
George Tucker,	4 37
James Nash,	2 12

#### APRIL.

F. J. Leach, labor,	\$17 25
Joseph Porter,	2 55
Frank Lefountain,	37
A. E. Wilder,	95
G. E. Newman,	9 00
Israel Gratto,	4 30
Clinton Gates,	1 87
H. H. Hall,	7 84
E. P. Hatch,	2 32
J. D. Smith,	5 25
H. A. Clough,	5 25
Fred Wilson,	50
J. W. Lyman,	3 96

R. E. Gates,	\$5 14
John Kemp,	1 45
Israel Craig,	1 43
John Hodgkins,	1 66
Bert Burroughs,	1 12

## MAY.

F. J. Leach, self and team,	\$52 50
F. D. Messer,	9 85
Joseph Porter,	6 10
A. H. Burge,	10 14
Charles Wilder,	5 30
Eli Washburn,	2 50
C. G. Webster,	22 75
C. E. Wilson,	5 25
George Winham,	6 75
Fred Wilson,	6 75
J. J. Royce,	20 55
H. P. March,	2 50
Ernest Mack,	1 87
Jasper Smith,	5 63
Ed. Quillinon,	17 47
George Burroughs, Jr.,	75
Cleon Demerse,	6 25
Henry Holden,	9 25
Elmer Buswell,	39 00
Lewis & Knight,	168 00
A. L. Timothy,	7 50
C. F. Pierce,	44 40
F. J. Marvin, tile,	23 64
Eugene Hodgkins,	1 88
H. H. Hall,	3 50
Frank Bolio,	12 75
Gaylon Howard,	3 75
W. W. Dinsmore,	1 00

## JUNE.

F. J. Leach, self and team,	\$46 80
F. D. Messer,	9 75

Joseph Porter,	\$2 75
Ed. Quillinon,	22 50
R. E. Gates,	88
H. D. Clark,	9 25
Sillory & Whitham,	2 00
Harlie Pratt,	10 90
Elmer Buswell,	35 00
Charles Wilder,	1 58
Dana Wilder,	21 65
Willis E. Crabtree,	3 50
George Winham,	9 25
John Kemp,	4 13
C. F. Pierce,	39 60
F. J. Marvin, tile,	5 30
A. L. Timothy,	25 13
Lewis & Knight,	158 00
Prentice Britton,	6 00
Clinton Gates,	4 50
E. P. Hatch,	8 45
Henry Holden,	2 25
Bert Burroughs,	4 37
Fred Wilson,	6 13
J. J. Royce,	25 50
C. G. Webster,	29 50
Jasper Smith,	28 75
J. W. Lyman,	20 35
James Ross,	3 00
G. V. Long,	5 00
W. O. Blake, labor and plank,	16 25

## JULY.

F. J. Leach, labor,	\$8 05
H. W. Raymond,	5 25
W. O. Blake,	1 25

## AUGUST.

F. J. Leach, labor,	\$34 50
George Winham,	5 00
C. G. Webster,	12 12



Jasper Smith,	\$2 50
David Scanlon,	1 50
J. L. Nash,	9 75
Henry Holden,	4 87
Harrie Pratt,	5 00
A. L. Timothy,	12 88
Charles Ellis,	1 25
Frank Lafountain,	1 25
Don Still,	12 50
Israel Gratto,	10 00
Lewis & Knight,	11 00
W. R. Howard,	8 00
E. P. Hatch,	17 83
J. H. Allen,	2 00

## SEPTEMBER.

F. J. Leach, labor,	\$31 50
A. L. Timothy,	4 50
C. G. Webster,	6 00
C. F. Pierce,	18 75
Don Still,	5 00
Israel Gratto,	4 00
H. E. Page, bridge timber,	9 30
Charles Garrity, labor,	6 25
H. D. Clark,	11 25
George Tucker, Jr.,	1 87
Lewis & Knight,	38 00
W. R. Howard,	1 90
Eli Washburn,	1 50
E. P. Hatch,	14 25
J. H. Porter,	11 75
Joseph Porter,	4 40
W. W. Colburn,	6 00
W. W. Colburn, bridge timber,	4 00
Edward Griffin, timber,	2 00
H. W. Raymond, labor,	3 75
F. B. Trow,	1 25

## OCTOBER.

F. J. Leach, labor,	\$18 75
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F. D. Messer,	\$8 45
Dana Wilder,	2 70
Warren French,	4 50
E. P. Kidder,	50
E. P. Kidder, lumber and iron,	3 38
H. A. Clough,	10 75
C. G. Webster,	1 35
A. L. Timothy,	2 85
George Lakin,	2 50
F. J. Marvin, tile,	33 96
C. F. Pierce,	1 20
H. G. Tuttle,	1 00
E. P. Hatch,	3 00
F. M. Forristall, bridge timber and plank,	50 40

## NOVEMBER.

F. J. Leach, labor,	\$10 25
H. E. Gates,	10 07
Spencer Hardware Co., tile,	2 94
E. P. Hatch, labor and timber,	2 75
Frank Lyman,	1 14

## DECEMBER.

F. J. Leach, labor,	\$5 00
Joseph Porter, labor and posts,	98
W. R. Howard,	4 55
George S. Wilder,	6 33

## JANUARY, 1900.

F. J. Leach, labor,	\$4 60
Frank Lafountain,	1 38
James Ross,	1 35
Charles Moultroup,	75
H. A. Clough,	1 50
C. H. Garrity,	75

## FEBRUARY.

F. J. Leach, labor,	\$5 50
C. D. Smith,	50
James Ross,	6 75

J. L. Nash,	\$5 57
C. H. Garrity,	3 00
H. A. Clough,	5 25
Israel Craig,	5 55
F. D. Messer,	1 91
N. B. Howard,	1 00
C. J. Gates,	1 50
H. J. Pratt,	15 10
G. E. Cater,	5 70
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	\$1,785 29

Orders received from selectmen,	\$1,785 29
Amount used for repairs of roads and bridges,	1,447 55
Amount used for breaking roads,	185 16
Amount used for repairing stone work on Surry hill, damage done, 1898,	152 58

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. LEACH,

Road Commissioner for town of Alstead.

February 15, 1900.

This includes all bills to date, except three or four small bills, not yet brought in.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

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Eight schools have been maintained during the year. The standard has, on the whole, been well sustained and a good work accomplished. We have had several teachers of acknowledged superiority, and worthy of special mention. We need not name them, for the reputation of a good teacher,—and a poor one too,—is not limited to their immediate field of labor. We have been disappointed in the work of two or three. No teacher can awaken enthusiasm in a school who does not manifest it in her own daily duties, and one who fails to create an interest on the part of pupils should seek other employment. Most of our teachers, however, have had a just conception of their responsibility, have labored earnestly for the good of those under their charge, and have received generous approval in the localities where they have taught.

It is a pleasure to commend the faithful effort of many parents to secure the regular attendance of their children. It has frequently required no small amount of time and effort, but their labor will be amply rewarded in the advantages secured, for those pupils who are prompt in attendance make the most advancement, while forming habits of punctuality which will help them through life. Irregular attendance is still the greatest obstacle to the true progress of our schools, creating a permanent condition of uncertainty in the teacher's work, and in the advancement of classes. Our compulsory law is inadequate, and should be amended; for even the most indifferent pupil usually attends more than twelve weeks. It has been demonstrated in the past year that much may also be done by teachers of energy, tact, and good judgment to secure regularity of attendance, by making the schoolroom exercises so attractive and interesting, that scholars will regret the loss even of a single day.



Good reading is the foundation of education; spelling, writing, arithmetic, geography, history and grammar or language work follow,—all vitally important as essentials in a common school education. These should never be neglected. Yet, as the pupil advances, it is sometimes wise to introduce other studies which are the legitimate outcome and continuation of the foregoing. Thus the thought is quickened, the mental vision is enlarged, and the reasoning powers strengthened. This frequently leads the pupil to desire an advanced course of study in the higher schools,—in fact, we now have several pupils nearly prepared for the high school, and some of them will probably enter during the coming year. Nature study has been encouraged, and considerable oral instruction given. It proves an agreeable pastime for the young, while stimulating out-of-door study of those natural objects so often seen, yet imperfectly understood.

Nearly all schoolrooms are now decorated with pictures and appropriate articles of handiwork done by the pupils. This is commendable for it promotes interest in the drawing lesson and makes the surroundings more attractive and homelike. We have in mind several rooms which might well be called the children's "study," and in the decoration of which they may take just pride.

Parents are doing much to stimulate the interest of their children in education, and supplement the work of the school by the use of good books and papers; they are now found in every home. The older pupils in school are studying the best authors, and in this age when so much is published that is worse than worthless, extreme vigilance should be exercised in the selection of reading for the home. It is not the quantity but the quality of the reading that will properly inspire the rising generation with a love for what is best and most helpful in literature.

GEO. A. MAYO,  
INA L. PUTNAM,  
I. B. STUART,  
School Board.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THREE TERMS.

Alice M. Porter, Pearle E. Clarke, Vera J. Clarke, Dora Holden, Ralph Forristall, Myrtie J. Kidder.

## FOR TWO TERMS.

Emma Reed, Ralph Webster, Carl Savory, Carrie Cater, Lucy Cater, Della Griffith, Bessie Porter, Frances Putnam, Ernest Hatch, Albert J. Porter, George L. Porter, Hazel F. Clarke, Percy Milliken, Fred R. Stuart, Ada M. Nash, Edith Putney, Lottie Kemp, Lyle Kemp.

## FOR THREE TERMS.

Nellie Fish, Emma Foster, Ernest Foster, Blanche Howard, John Mack, Martha Oliver, Emily Clark, Hattie Clough, Louvisa Moulthrop, May Webster, Guy Moulthrop, Villa Cater, Mary Gratto, Lottie Porter, Ethel Pratt, Lottie Whipple, Carroll Hatch, Harold Putnam, Oscar Pratt, Ernest Whipple, Oscar W. Blake, Inis M. Porter, Abbie Porter, Fred W. Hodskins, Frank E. Clark, Elsie Cady, Ethel Milliken, G. Leroy Milliken, Ralph Robbins, Alice Lakin, Charlie Winham.

## FOR ONE TERM.

Walter Burroughs, Evelyn Page, Carrie Wilder, Dora Wilder, Harold Smith, Minnie B. Clark, Ezra Lufkin, Geo. H. Webster, Guy Webster, Frank Kingsbury, Clyde Cooke, Charles Bundy, Alma Foster, Mellie Mack, Helen Marvin, Leon Trow, Inez Nash, May Page, Constance Porter, Elton Porter, Albert Ellis.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	No. of weeks.	No. of pupils.	No. of pupils over 16 years.	Av. attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Physiology.	Higher branches.	Vocal music.	Drawing.	Wages per month including board.
SUMMER TERM.																		
No. 4.	G. Florice I. Taylor.....	10	22	1	20	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	4	22	22	\$32.00
No. 4.	P. Elizabeth C. Wilder.....	10	24	20	20	24	24	24	24	17	7	4	24	19				26.00
No. 5.	Jennie A. Bailey.....	9	19	18	18	19	19	15	10	8	13	9	13	15				24.00
No. 6.	Bertha M. Bowker.....	9	15	1	14	15	15	15	15	13	4	2	5	5				22.00
No. 7.	Mabel M. Hatch.....	10	9	7	7	9	9	9	9	8	4	3	5	9				19.00
No. 10.	Maude Chappell.....	10	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	5	5	2	5	5				21.00
No. 12.	Lura C. Worthen.....	10	21	17	21	21	21	21	21	16	16	3	1	21	2	5		29.00
No. 13.	Annie C. Currier.....	10	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	4	4	3	1	8	2			20.00
FALL TERM.																		
No. 4.	G. Florice I. Taylor.....	10	27	3	25	27	27	27	27	27	27	21	27	27	4	27	27	40.00
No. 4.	Christina P. Mitchell.....	10	16	15	15	16	16	16	16	11	3	11	11	11		16	16	27.00
No. 5.	Jennie A. Bailey.....	11	23	21	23	23	19	12	10	9	4	4	23	14	2			24.00
No. 6.	Annie C. Currier.....	9.8	14	13	14	14	14	14	12	12	7	7	14	4				22.00
No. 7.	Mabel M. Hatch.....	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	5	3	8	8				20.00
No. 10.	Ida B. Farnsworth.....	10	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	3	3	7	9	7	2	8		21.00
No. 12.	Maria E. C. Hart.....	10	19	1	17	19	19	17	19	14	15	7	9	19	2			29.00
No. 13.	Edith Westney.....	10	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	7			8				17.00
WINTER TERM.																		
No. 4.	G. Florice I. Taylor.....	8	29	3	23	29	29	29	29	29	29	23	29	29	4	29	29	40.00
No. 4.	Christina P. Mitchell.....	9	18	13	13	18	18	18	18	14	2	14	14	14		18	18	27.00
No. 5.	Jennie A. Bailey.....	10	22	2	19	22	22	22	15	12	11	9	11	22	4			24.00
No. 6.	Annie C. Currier.....	10	14	11	14	14	14	14	9	9	12	7	11	14	4			24.00
No. 7.	Mabel M. Hatch.....	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	3	5	10	10				20.00
No. 10.	Bernice Mahon.....	9	6	3	6	6	6	6	6	3	3	2	4	6				21.00
No. 12.	Annie M. Chesley.....	10	17	4	12	17	17	17	16	2	2	4	11	12	6	17	30.00	
No. 13.	Millie L. Dunbar.....	10	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	6	6	3	6	7	4	7	7	24.00

TABLE.

DIVISION.	FIRST TERM.					SECOND TERM.					THIRD TERM.				
	Absences, half days.	Instances tardiness.	Visitors.	Visits by board.	Perfect attendance.	Absences, half days.	Instances tardiness.	Visitors.	Visits by board.	Perfect attendance.	Absences, half days.	Instances tardiness.	Visitors.	Visits by board.	Perfect attendance.
No. 4. G.....	117	19	74	3	6	62	15	64	5	8	246	59	35	4	4
No. 4. P.....	120	7	60	2	9	57	3	62	5	7	175	1	49	3	1
No. 5.....	11	2	17	2	14	231	18	23	2	5	302	1	16	2	2
No. 6.....	24	2	9	3	5	82	3	13	2	6	237		5	3	2
No. 7.....	35	3	28	2	1	26	1	13	2	4	12		20	2	7
No. 10.....	8	7	19	3	1	73	1	8	2		228	8	7	3	
No. 12.....	127	24	44	3	6	87	9	11	3	3	95		2	3	3
No. 13.....	37		31	3	6	37	2	18	3	6	32	4	27	4	2

## TOWN SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

## EXPENDITURES.

Orders issued by George A. Mayo and Mrs. Ina L. Putnam, members of school board:

## ORDERS OF MRS. INA L. PUTNAM.

Frank Bolio, wood drawn for District No. 4,	\$15 00
Mrs. Edmund Cadnett, cleaning rooms, District No. 4,	5 00
Lillian Wilder, cleaning rooms,	4 50
Geo. Hodskins, 1 cord wood for No. 7,	3 50
A. Putnam, half of fence, No. 6,	2 50
Miss Jennie Bailey, teaching 9 weeks, No. 5,	54 00
Miss Bertha Bowker, teaching 9 weeks, No. 6,	49 50
Miss Mabel Hatch, teaching 10 weeks, No. 7,	47 50
Elizabeth Wilder, teaching 10 weeks, No. 4,	65 00
Florice I. Taylor, teaching 10 weeks, No. 4, grammar <sup>grade</sup> ,	80 00



James B. Fowler, care rooms, No. 4,	\$3 50
J. L. Nash, mileage, two pupils, summer term,	4 35
Geo. F. King & Co., supplies for schools,	17 20
Werner School Book Co., copy books,	8 45
Ginn & Co., school books,	6 40
G. H. Howard, sawing wood,	6 00
Town of Surry, tuition three pupils,	18 00
Harold Putnam, care school room, No. 5,	80
H. A. Lovell, cash paid for cleaning rooms and repairs,	4 92
I. L. Putnam, cash paid for supplies,	2 50
Geo. Dinsmore, putting in 8 cords wood, No. 4,	2 50
W. O. Blake, repairing blackboards, No. 7,	50
Hinds & Noble, school books,	6 88
Geo. F. King & Co., school supplies,	3 60
Mabel Hatch, teaching 8 weeks, No. 7,	40 00
D. C. Heath & Co., writing books,	17 13
Jennie Bailey, teaching 11 weeks, No. 5,	66 00
Ralph Forristall, building fires, No. 6,	1 60
J. L. Nash, mileage, two pupils, 10 weeks,	5 00
Annie Currier, teaching 8 weeks, No. 6,	53 90
Ezra Lufkin, care rooms, No. 4,	5 00
F. E. Nesmith, tuition and mileage, one pupil, 10 weeks in Surry,	7 50
Geo. A. Mayo, cash paid for repairs and incidentals,	5 25
F. W. Clark, 1½ cord wood for district No. 7,	5 25
Franklin Publishing Co., two chart stands,	2 00
Ginn & Co., histories,	2 50
Edward E. Babb & Co., spelling blanks,	2 00
Hinds & Noble, readers,	9 52
Arthur Putnam, wood for No. 5,	13 50
Julius Porter, stove pipes and work, No. 7,	1 50
Frank Clark, building fires, 12 weeks, No. 7,	2 40
Mabel M. Hatch, teaching 8 weeks, No. 7,	40 00
Miss Florice I. Taylor, teaching 10 weeks, No. 4,	100 00
Miss C. Mitchell, teaching 10 weeks, No. 4,	67 50
N. D. Heaton, banking schoolhouse,	1 00

F. M. Forristall, 3 cords wood, No. 6,	\$9 00
Miss Florice I. Taylor, teaching 8 weeks in Grammar grade,	80 00
Miss C. Mitchell, teaching 9 weeks, No. 4,	60 75
George F. King, supplies,	3 60
C. D. Smith, work on schoolhouse, No. 6,	2 50
Miss Jennie Bailey, teaching 10 weeks, No. 5,	60 00
H. E. Putnam, tuition, three pupils, fall and winter term,	10 25
S. G. Anderson, supplies and work on Walpole stove,	19 90
C. H. Cooke, castings for two stoves,	29 00
J. F. Dickey, one window,	75
E. P. Hatch, work in district No. 7,	50
Harold Putnam, building fires and care house, No. 5,	2 00
Miss Annie Currier, teaching 10 weeks, No. 6,	60 00
J. L. Nash, mileage, two pupils, winter term, No. 6,	4 90
Ralph Forristall, building fires, 10 weeks, No. 6,	2 00
Geo. A. Mayo, books furnished schools,	2 00
F. J. Marvin, express and supplies,	10 41
Frank Lafountain, mileage, two pupils,	2 23
Don H. Still, mileage, one pupil,	70
Ned Taylor, building fires and care house, two terms,	2 50
American Book Co., supplies,	2 29

## ORDERS OF GEORGE A. MAYO.

Ethel Milliken, building fires fall term, 1898, No. 13,	\$1 00
Mrs. W. S. Brown, cleaning rooms, No. 12,	1 50
F. P. H. Lyman, wood furnished schools,	5 86
Mrs. H. W. Raymond, cleaning school room, No. 10,	1 00
J. T. Clark, repairs, Nos. 10, 12, 13,	3 00
Maude Chappel, teaching 10 weeks in No. 10 and building fires,	30 50
M. J. Kidder, boarding teacher, No. 10,	22 50
Annie Currier, teaching summer term, No. 13, in- cluding board,	50 00

Mrs. C. A. Milliken, cleaning school rooms, No. 13,	\$1 50
Lura C. Worthen, teaching summer term in No. 12,	
including board,	72 50
Ethel Milliken, building fires summer term, No. 13,	50
John P. Kemp, transportation of scholars,	3 60
Frank Lafountain, transportation of scholars,	43
Don H. Still, transportation of scholars,	1 10
Ida Farnsworth, teaching school in No. 10, in-	
cluding building of fires,	31 00
Frank Lafountain, mileage,	1 32
M. E. C. Hart, teaching school, No. 12, including	
board,	72 50
W. W. Colburn, boarding teacher,	10 00
Edith Westney, teaching 10 weeks, No. 13,	25 00
Ethel Milliken, building fires, No. 13,	1 00
M. J. Kidder, boarding teacher, 10 weeks, No. 10,	22 50
M. J. Kidder, wood furnished in No. 10, and re-	
pairs,	8 25
W. W. Colburn, boarding teacher, No. 13, fall term,	17 50
J. W. Lyman, wood furnished No. 12,	3 00
J. P. Kemp, mileage,	3 75
B. R. Taylor, repairs and building fires,	2 90
B. R. Taylor, building fire two terms, No. 12,	1 50
E. P. Fish, school supplies,	1 15
J. T. Clark, repairs, blackboards,	2 00
Kendall Austin, wood furnished, No. 12,	1 50
H. R. Fowler, care of hosue, No. 4,	5 00
Herbert Green, boarding teacher part of winter	
term, No. 13,	8 00
Annie Chesley, teaching, including board,	75 00
Bernice C. Mahon, teaching in No. 10, including	
building fires and care house,	28 50
M. J. Kidder, boarding teacher, No. 10,	20 25
George A. Mayo, balance on board,	2 50
Millie L. Dunbar, teaching, No. 13,	35 00
Don H. Still, mileage,	2 28
George A. Mayo, work and incidentals,	1 60
Total amount of expenditures,	<hr/> \$1,803 92

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 15, 1899,	\$196 76
Cash received of Geo. A. Mayo, grass sold,	50
Cash received of Mrs. Ina L. Putnam, books,	1 00
Cash received of trustees, Warren fund,	42 93
Cash received of selectmen, literary fund,	100 80
Cash received of W. W. Dinsmore, collector,	1,886 36
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	\$2,228 35
Total amount received,	\$2,228 35
Expenditures,	1,803 92
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Cash on hand February 1, 1900,	\$424 43

F. J. MARVIN,  
School Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of F. J. Marvin, Treasurer of the Alstead School District, and find them correctly cast and with proper vouchers therefor.

JOHN F. DICKEY,  
H. D. DICKEY,

Auditors of the Alstead School District.

Alstead, N. H., February 21, 1900.



## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand June 3, 1899,	\$6 64
Cash from town,	74 10
Cash from W. E. Locke,	6 04
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	\$86 78

### EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid for 53 new books,	\$78 41
Cash paid for rebinding, express and repairs,	7 12
Cash paid for silesia for book covers,	1 25
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	\$76 78

Forty books have been donated through the efforts of Rev. J. H. Wilson, two others were given by Thomas Dinsmore, two were given by Mrs. Dinsmore in memory of her husband, sixteen volumes of Popular Science Monthly were donated by Mrs. S. J. Messer Whitney, one book on the Spanish War was given by Mrs. A. A. Cady, and there may have been other books given of which no records has been given the trustees. Who will furnish the means for a Town Library Building?

Respectfully submitted,

REV. W. E. LOCKE, Chairman,  
 MRS. SARAH J. FISH, Secretary,  
 DR. R. F. OLIVER,  
 MRS. INA L. PUTNAM,  
 H. A. LOVELL,  
 F. J. MARVIN,

Trustees of Library.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES WARREN FUND.

The board of trustees chosen by the town to hold and invest the Warren fund, submit the following report of their doings:

The whole amount of Mr. Warren's gift,	\$5,000 00
Which has been invested as follows:	
1 Stowe, Vt., town bond, due 1914, for \$1,000	
cost,	\$1,060 00
1 Stowe, Vt., town bond, due 1915, for \$1,000	
cost,	1,061 50
1 Stowe, Vt., town bond, due 1916, for \$1,000	
cost,	1,063 50
1 Stowe, Vt., town bond, due 1917, for \$1,000	
cost,	1,065 00
Accrued interest to time of purchase,	85 32
1 Berlin, N. H., town bond, due 1913, for \$100	
cost,	110 00
Accrued interest to time of purchase,	2 13
1 Poultney, Vt., town bond, due 1910, for \$500	
cost,	541 25
Accrued interest to time of purchase,	2 50
Balance of cash not invested,	8 80
	<hr/> \$5,000 00
Received accrued interest, which was paid when	
bonds were purchased,	\$89 95
Received on coupons since,	84 55
Balance cash (mentioned above),	8 80
	<hr/> \$183 30

Paid G. G. Banks, care Warren monument,	\$2 50
Paid treasurer school district,	42 93
Deposited in Walpole, N. H., savings bank,	137 87
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	\$183 30

Which includes a sinking fund of \$39.12, which is to be taken out of each year's interest for ten years, to pay the premium that was paid on bonds.

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Warren fund account:

To amount interest since purchase of bonds,	\$84 55
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By paid G. G. Banks, care Warren monument,	\$2 50
By set aside for sinking fund,	39 12
By paid treasurer town school district,	42 93
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	\$84 55

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PROUTY,  
JOHN F. DICKEY,  
ORR WALLACE,  
Trustees of Warren Fund.





# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1899.

Date of Mar- riage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	* Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Sta- tion of person by whom married.
Aug. 24	Marlow	Geo. L. Savory	Alstead	39	W	Farmer	Alstead [Ms. N. Chelmsf'd.	S. C. Savory	Sunapee	Farmer	2d	Rev. G. B. Good- win
		Harriet E. Jackson	Alstead	32	"			James Jackson	Philadelphia,	Farmer	1st	Marlow
Sept. 27	Alstead	Wm. Eli Trombly	Springfield, Vt.	21	"	Clerk	Highgate, Vt	L. Trombly	Highgate, Vt.	Machinist	1st	Rev. I. B. Stuart
		Alberta L. Wilder	Alstead	26	"	Nurse	Hadley, Ms.	Sam'l S. Wilder			1st	Alstead
Oct. 16	E. Acworth	Wm. Westney, Jr.	Alstead	51	"	Farmer	London, Eng	Wm. Westney	London, Eng.	Farmer	2d	Rev. Albert G. [Smith
		Dianthia Beckwith	E. Acworth	52	"		So. Acworth [N.Y. Greenwich,	S. Beckwith			1st	Lempster
Nov. 30	E. Alstead	Fred L. Tucker	Alstead	23	"	Farmer	Bulgaria	Geo. L. Tucker	London, Eng.	Farmer	1st	Rev. W. E. Locke
		Mabel E. Locke	Alstead	25	"		Alstead	Wm. E. Locke	New Ipswich	Minister	1st	Alstead
Dec. 25	Marlow	W. C. W. Demerse	Alstead	19	"	Watchman	Alstead	L. Demerse	Compton, P. Q.	Farmer	1st	Rev. W. Thomp- son
		Eululoo T. White	Marlboro	23	"	Teacher	Alstead	I. A. White	Marlboro	Engineer	1st	Marlow

\* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1899.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition			Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.		Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 16	Mary A. Forrestall	80	2	15	Winchendon, Ms		F	W	Housewife	— Ms.	— Ms.	Ephraim Flint	Deborah Brooks
" 17	Maria C. Burge	84	3	27	Springfield, Vt.		F	"	"			Samuel Wiley	Lucy Miller
" 20	Henry Wiley	77	7	7	Rockingham, Vt.	M		"	Farmer	Acworth	Unity.	Elisha Mayo	Abigail Breed
Feb. 10	Joel T. Mayo	79	8	3	Acworth	M		"	"			Sam'l C. Wilder	Eliza'h Seymour
" 12	Sam'l S. Wilder	51	11	21	Hadley, Ms.	M		"	Bookkeeper	Lempster	Hadley, Ms.	Harvey Barney	Elenor Waldron
" 27	L. M. Barney	63	4	7	Alstead	M		"	Farmer	Acworth		Harmon Kemp	— Kenney
Mar. 22	Lenora Leighton	55	4	16	Providence, R.I.		F	"	Housewife	Essex, Vt.	Chester, Vt.	F. Lafountain	Ella Carrier
Apr. 14	Mary March	86	3	19	Concord, Vt.		F	"		Alstead	Alstead	Calvin Dinsmore	Lucy Walker
June 21	Louis H. Prouty	81	6	15	Alstead	M		"	Farmer			Samuel Long	Mary Marshall
Sept. 25	— Lafountain	79	8	2	Alstead	M		"	Musician				
Oct. 30	Alm'a E. S. Murray	78			Alstead	M		"					
Nov. 14	Thomas Dinsmore	78			Alstead	M		"					
Dec. 6	Geo. Sam'l Long	45			Alstead	M		"					

\* Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRED L. PRENTISS, Town Clerk.





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